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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS BY NABARD
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the assistance of NABARD to small and marginal farmers in rural areas has created the desired impact;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has assessed performance of NABARD in regard to loan to farmers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether channelisation of the above-said assistance through public sector banks has created any hindrance to this assistance; and

(f) if so, the counter measures taken so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b) : National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) does not disburse agriculture credit directly, it only refinances credit disbursed by lending agencies including Commercial Banks, Cooperative Banks & Regional Rural Banks.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. The details of refinance disbursed by NABARD under investment credit during the year 2004-05 is as under :

(Rs.Crore)

Item	2004-05
Refinance to Farm Sector	5756.88
Refinance to Non-Farm Sector	2820.59
Total:	8577.46

NABARD has also sanctioned total Short Term (Seasonal Agri.Operation) credit limits aggregating Rs.10218.97 crore to State Cooperative Banks (SCBs) and Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) during the year 2004-05.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.